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SUBJECT: PROPOSAL FOR MEETING OF HOST COUNTRY DRUG
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LA PAZ FOR AMBASSADOR STEDMAN, CARACAS FOR DEA

REF: STATE 064772; LIMA 1792; QUITO 1584, 2094;
LA PAZ 2192; SANTIAGO 1816

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1. AGREE WITH GENERAL FORMAT SUGGESTED FOR YOUR MEETING

SCHEDULED WITH GOB MINISTER OF INTERIOR CONCERNING SUBJECT.

2. URGE CONSIDERATION OF PARTICIPANTS FROM COLUMBIA AND ECUADOR SO THAT CRITICAL PROBLEM OF ILLICIT TRAFFIC CAN BE ADDRESSED THUS PROVIDING MAXIMUM PARTICIPATION OF 18-20 ASSUMING THREE FROM EACH COUNTRY. TO KEEP ORIGINAL CONCEPT OF SMALL AND REGIONAL MEETING, INTERPOL AND CND REPRESENTATIVES WOULD NOT ATTEND.

3. IN VIEW OF RECOGNIZED MULTILATERAL ENFORCEMENT COOPERATIVE ROLE OF U.S. IN COCAINE CONTAINMENT PROGRAM ANDEAN COUNTRIES, FORMAL OBLIGATIONS OF U.S. UNDER INTERNATIONAL AGREEMENTS AND USE OF CCINC FUNDS TO ASSIST IN SUPPORT OF PROPOSED MEETING, WE DO URGE AT MINIMUM U.S.

PRESENCE SPECIFICALLY DEA REGIONAL DIRECTOR (FORMALLY OR, IF NECESSARY, INFORMALLY-IMPORTANCE IS TO BE AVAILABLE FOR CONSULTATION AND DISCUSSION) AND EMBASSY PARTICIPATION AS YOU CONSIDER APPROPRIATE. HOWEVER, WE WILL RELY ON YOUR ASSESSMENT OF SITUATION AND EVALUATION OF NEEDS AND POSSIBILITIES TO ACCOMPLISH A PRODUCTIVE MEETING, AND RELY ON YOUR DECISION PROPOSAL FOR U.S. PARTICIPATION.

4. HEARTILY CONCUR WITH NEED EXPRESSED IN YOUR 2192 FOR A "PRODUCTIVE" MEETING. THIS WOULD DEPEND ON GUIDANCE TO DEVELOP EFFECTIVE AGENDA AND SUFFICIENTLY STRUCTURED CONFERENCE ESPECIALLY IN VIEW OF COMMENTS ON ORGANIZATIONAL CAPABILITY OF BOLIVIAN DRUG AGENCY. EXPECT EMBASSY AND DEA (LA PAZ) COULD OFFER ASSISTANCE NEEDED TO EFFECT DESIRED TYPE OF CONFERENCE. INDICATIONS OF DESIRE FROM SOME ANDEAN COUNTRY NARCOTICS OFFICIALS FOR SUBSTANTIVE MEETING HAVE BEEN REPORTED TO DEPARTMENT.

5. WE AGREE ON IMPORTANCE OF MINIMUM U.S. PROFILE AND NEED FOR DEVELOPMENT OF REGIONAL INITIATIVE AND COOPERATION IN NARCOTICS CONTROL. TO FOSTER THIS DEVELOPMENT AND PROVIDE VEHICLE FOR PARTICIPANT COUNTRIES TO GAIN CREDIT FOR COCAINE CONTAINMENT EFFORTS, WE PROPOSE A SHORT NEWSCLIP BE MADE WITH INTERVIEWS OF ANDEAN

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PARTICIPANTS AT MEETING. COPIES OF FILMCLIP THAT WOULD NOT BE U.S. IDENTIFIED, COULD BE MADE AVAILABLE FOR TV NETWORK SHOWING IN EACH PARTICIPANT COUNTRY. ASSUME FILMCLIP COULD BE HELPFUL IN ALERTING FOREIGN AUDIENCE TO DRUG PROBLEM AS WELL AS DESIRABLE TO PARTICIPATING OFFICIALS FOR OBVIOUS PERSONAL AND POLITICAL REASONS. USIA ADVISES US SUCH A FILMCLIP COULD POSSIBLY BE PRODUCED IN LA PAZ BY LOCAL COMPANY FOR REASONABLE COST.

ALSO ADVISED CONTROL AND SUPERVISION OF FILMCLIP COULD BE
COORDINATED WITH USIS LA PAZ. IF EMBASSY AGREES WITH
SUGGESTIONS AND GOB MINISTER CONCURS, S/NM WILL CONSIDER
APPROVAL OF PROJECT. KISSINGER

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